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PSC TO HOLD ROUNDTABLE ON MISSOURI'S ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND RATEMAKING PREDETERMINATION ISSUES

Jefferson City (October 22, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an electric roundtable on **November 3, 2003**, to discuss Missouri's current electric infrastructure system as well as ratemaking predetermination. The roundtable will be held from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in the 4th Floor Ballroom of the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City.

"The blackout on the east coast, statements by some parties that Missouri's generation and/or transmission is in need of significant upgrades and the ongoing market structure changes being driven by FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) make it particularly important that we take a hard look at our electric services infrastructure at this time," stated Warren Wood, PSC Energy Department Manager. This portion of the roundtable will include presentations on current generation and transmission infrastructure, the integrated resource planning process and what generation and transmission infrastructure additions will be needed before the end of this decade.

The second half of the roundtable will focus on ratemaking predetermination issues. "Lobbying efforts during the last legislative session, expectations for predetermination to be a hot topic during the upcoming legislative session and passage of legislation in Kansas and Iowa have prompted the need for an open discussion on whether or not ratemaking predetermination is needed in Missouri and if so what the objectives and methods for ratemaking predetermination should be," stated Wood. This portion of the roundtable will focus on possible objectives and methods of ratemaking predetermination and the thoughts of several different parties on whether ratemaking predetermination is needed in Missouri and if so how it might be structured.